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SUBJECT: IS DRAFT REPORT ON PREPARATIONS  
FOR BELGRADE (ISD/146)

REF: (A) USNATO 2206, (B) STATE 084814, (C) STATE  
084818, (D) USNATO 2151, (E) STATE 082235

SUMMARY: POLADS ON APRIL 15 COMPLETED REVIEW OF  
ON ISD/146 IN PREPARATION FOR APRIL 20 CSCE NAC DIS-  
CUSSION. IT WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT  
IN ORDER TO ALLOW CAPITALS SUFFICIENT TIME TO REVIEW  
FULLY THE PAPER (WHICH IS HOPES TO  
MAKE AVAILABLE BY AFTERNOON OF MONDAY, APRIL 18),  
FINAL APPROVAL SHOULD BE GIVEN BY SILENCE PROCEDURE  
WITH APRIL 22 DEADLINE. ACTION REQUEST: SEE PARA 5.  
END SUMMARY.

1. AT APRIL 15 MEETING, POLADS COMPLETED SECOND  
READING OF ISD/146, DURING WHICH DANISH REP, ON  
INSTRUCTIONS FROM COPENHAGEN, OBJECTED TO COMPRO-  
MISE FINAL SENTENCE OF PARA 66 REGARDING POSSIBLE  
TARGET DATE FOR END OF MAIN BELGRADE MEETING,  
(REF D, PARA 1).  
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DANISH REP EXPLAINED THAT HER AUTHORITIES FIRMLY  
BELIEVE ALLIES SHOULD SET SUCH A DATE AND  
THAT LANGUAGE TO THIS EFFECT SHOULD BE INCLUDED  
IN THE REPORT. DANISH VIEW REGARDING TARGET  
DATE WAS SUPPORTED BY FRG, FRENCH AND DUTCH REPS.  
WE REITERATED OUR OPPOSITION TO AGREEMENT TO A  
CUT-OFF DATE. IN EFFORT TO AVOID PROLONGED DABATE  
ON THIS MATTER AT APRIL 20 NAC, POLADS TENTATIVELY  
AGREED TO THE FOLLOWING NEW FORMULATION FOR FINAL SENTENCE OF  
PARA 66, SUGGESTED BY

THE UK REP, WHICH FLAGS THE ISSUE AS ONE NEEDING  
ATTENTION, BUT DOES NOT TAKE SIDES FOR THE MOMENT:  
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IN THIS CONTEXT, THE ALLIES WILL NEED TO  
DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO SUPPORT A TARGET DATE  
FOR TERMINATION OF THE MAIN MEETING. END TEXT.  
COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: WE BELIEVE THIS FORMU-  
LATION PROTECTS THE US POSITION AND RECOMMEND THAT  
WE NOT OPPOSE IT. END COMMENT.

2. DRAWING ON REF C, US REP EXPLAINED THAT, WHILE WE  
GIVE PRELIMINARY SUPPORT TO SEVERAL OF THE PROPOSALS  
IN ANNEX A TO ISD/146, THIS IS ON THE UNDERSTANDING  
THAT ALLIES WILL REDUCE NUMBER OF CONCRETE NEW PRO-  
POSALS.(WE ARE CIRCULATING DETAILED COMMENTS IN REF C  
SO THAT ALLIES CAN STUDY THEM CAREFULLY.) SO AS  
TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF US CONCERN, INTRODUCTORY PARA-  
GRAPH OF ANNEX A HAS BEEN REDRAFTED AS FOL-  
LOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE FOLLOWING IDEAS FOR POSSIBLE ALLIED  
PROPOSALS HAVE SO FAR BEEN PUT FORWARD IN THE  
ALLIANCE. THE AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FOR EACH IDEA  
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AT THIS ATAGE VARIES, AND CONSIDERABLE FURTHER  
STUDY IS REQUIRED SO THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF CON-  
CRETE PROPOSALS CAN BE FORMULATED. THE SUGGESTED  
PROPOSALS ARE LISTED BELOW ACCORDING TO THE ORDER  
OF THE FINAL ACT PROVISIONS. END TEXT.

COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT FURTHER WORK ON POSSIBLE  
NEW PROPOSALS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN POLADS AND, AS  
WE COMMENTED IN REF A, WE DO NOT THINK A DEBATE  
BY PERMREPS ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE HELPFUL. RATHER,  
WE RECOMMEND THAT WE MAKE CLEAR OUR EXPECTATION THAT  
POLADS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY A THOROUGH REVIEW OF NEW  
PROPOSALS WITH A VIEW TO DEFINING A LIMITED NUMBER OF  
CONCRETE AND PRACTICAL INITIATIVES. END COMMENT.

3. FINALLY, WE WOULD NOTE THAT, AS REGARDS SUGGESTED  
CHANGE IN REF E, PARA 2, (E), PREVAILING FEELING IN  
POLADS WAS THAT THE SUMMARY OF ISD/146 SHOULD NOT GO  
INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL REGARDING MODALITIES OF  
DRAFTING FINAL BELGRADE DOCUMENT AND IT WAS  
POINTED OUT THAT THIS ISSUE IS COVERED IN  
PARA 70 (E) IN MAIN BODY OF ISD/146.

4. MAJORITY OF POLADS FAVORED SEEKING FINAL NAC  
APPROVAL OF ISD 146 AT APRIL 20 COUNCIL MEETING.

US REP MAINTAINED THAT AUTHORITIES SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ADEQUATELY THE REVISED TEXT OF THE PAPER, WHICH, ACCORDING TO IS, WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE AFTERNOON OF APRIL 18. ACCORDINGLY, POLADS TENTATIVELY AGREED ON SILENCE PROCEDURE DEADLINE OF APRIL 22 FOR FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PAPER.

5. ACTION REQUEST: AUTHORITY TO AGREE TO ABOVE POINTS, IF POSSIBLE, BY APRIL 19 SO THAT WE COULD MAKE ANY NECESSARY COMMENTS AT POLADS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THAT DAY. STRAUZ-HUPE  
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